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For: **SUBSTRATES COMPRISING
POLYNUCLEOTIDE MICROARRAYS**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated **October 1, 2002**, and is submitted on or before the extended due date of **March 1, 2003** (a Saturday). A Petition for a two-month extension and the requisite fee are enclosed herewith. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments and reconsider the application.

THE AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Page 6, line 25, before "Fig. 1" insert the following paragraph:

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In the Claims

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7. (Three Times Amended) A substrate with a surface comprising a microarray of DNA sequences, wherein (i) the microarray has a density of about 400 or more discrete regions of DNA sequences per cm² of substrate surface, (ii) the DNA sequences are isolated polynucleotides, (iii) the microarray comprises 400 or more regions, and (iv) the DNA sequences